Formation of Public Health Committees in Municipalities.

ORDER No. G. 1451-60—SANY. 68-27-10, DATED 2ND AUGUST 1928.

Government observe that the Sub-Assistant Surgeons in charge of Dispensaries are not at present taking an active interest in health matters. It is desirable that the benefit of the knowledge and advice of these officers should be utilised for the improvement of health conditions in rural areas. With this object in view, Government are pleased to issue the following instructions :—

(1) Every Municipality should be required to constitute a Health Committee with the Senior Medical Officer of the area under its administration as its Chairman and Convenor.

(2) All sanitary matters coming up before the Municipal Council should ordinarily be referred to this Committee for scrutiny and opinion.

(3) The functions of the Health Committee will be advisory but every effort should be made by the Municipality concerned to give effect to the recommendations of the Health Committee.

(4) The Committee will also be Vigilance Committee and will submit a report every month to the Municipal Council on the health conditions of the area under its control together with constructive suggestions.

(5) The Committee will ordinarily meet at least once a month.

A paragraph relating to the formation and working of the Health Committee in Municipalities should, in future, be incorporated in the annual administration report of the Municipalities.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Revises the rules for House Purchase Advances as for House Building Advances.

ORDER No. FL. 794-853—G. F. 237-27-2, DATED 28TH JULY 1928.

Under the existing rules, advances to Government servants for the purchase of houses are limited to six months' pay, while for house building, advances up to 12 months (increased to 18 or 24 months in specified localities) are permissible. Government consider that the distinction between applications for house building and those for purchase of houses need no longer be maintained. They are pleased to sanction the following revised rules for the grant of advances to Government servants for building or purchasing houses.

1. Advances up to one year's pay are admissible to all officers of Government for building or purchasing houses for their residence in all places in the State where no suitable houses are available or where house rent is exceptionally high, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The advance will be free of interest in the case of officers on pay less than Rs. 250.

(ii) Interest will be charged at 5 per cent per annum and the advance will be limited to a maximum of Rs. 10,000 in the case of officers on higher pay.

(iii) In all cases, the advance will be adjusted by monthly deduction of one-quarter pay besides interest on the amount and the repayment will be completed within four years.

2. Advances up to two years' pay may be given to officers drawing a pay of less than Rs. 250 residing in the Cities of Bangalore, Mysore or in Yedatore and wishing to build or purchase houses in the extensions of the Cities or in the New Town of Yedatore respectively subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The maximum amount admissible will be limited to Rs. 5,000.

(ii) The excess over one year's pay will carry interest at 4 per cent per annum.

(iii) The entire advance will be repaid within a maximum period of eight years by monthly deduction of one-fourth of pay towards principal, besides interest.

3. Advances up to 18 months' pay may be allowed to officers drawing a pay of Rs. 250 and above but not exceeding Rs. 500, residing in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore or in Yedatore and wishing to build or purchase houses in the extensions of the Cities or in the New Town of Yedatore. The entire advance will carry interest at 5 per cent per annum and be repayable in six years.

4. The Comptroller is requested to issue necessary addenda and corrigenda slip to the Mysore Civil Account Code, Vol. I.

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